



Hurricane Katrina &
Hurricane Rita
Government Relations Report
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Important Red Cross Numbers

For Shelter and Service Locations: 1-866-GET-INFO
For Family Linking: 1-877-LOVED-1S
For Emergency Financial Assistance: 1-800-975-7585

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- For Hurricane Rita, the Red Cross is opening and filling evacuation centers and shelters throughout Texas and Louisiana as well as in the surrounding states. **Last night, more than 17,000 evacuees stayed in Red Cross shelters. This evening the Red Cross expects to shelter over 100,000 evacuees.** Most hotels along evacuation routes are already full with evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and many will have to drive long distances to find shelter.
- After the storm, the Red Cross will continue to provide safe haven for those whose homes have been lost and provide food in areas where people congregate. For the Red Cross mobilization for Rita, relief efforts include the pre-positioning of supplies and more than 2,000 Red Cross workers to supplement the tens of thousands of local volunteers already providing services to evacuees. There are kitchens in Texas that will be able to provide more than 300,000 meals per day after the storm passes.

Red Cross Activities in Preparation for Rita

Hurricane Rita 2 (Texas) Disaster Relief Operations Information at a Glance*	
Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) activated	20
EOCs with Red Cross liaison	20
Shelters/evacuation centers	68
Shelters/evacuation centers on standby	54
Shelter Population	17,325

- To date, **2,014** Red Cross workers have been assigned to the two Rita operations in Florida (61) and Texas (1953).

** This information is the latest available on the American Red Cross response to Hurricane Katrina as of 11:00 a.m. September 23. Shelter populations fluctuate based on the time of day and other factors.*

Red Cross Response to Hurricane Katrina

Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Operations Information at a Glance			
Consolidated		Period	Total to Date
Shelters/evacuation centers		218	902
Overnight Stays in Shelters		30,456	2,418,326 ^[1]
Meals		359,598	13,079,842
Snacks		221,696	9,603,840
Cases		40,282	494,634 ^[2]
Workers			158,362 ^[3]
Health Services Contacts			163,677
Mental Health Contacts			360,236
Clean-up Kits			113,924
Comfort Kits			182,556
Transient Accommodations	282,736 clients	91,205 rooms ^[4]	913,788 room nights

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	Shelters Period	Shelters To Date	Pop Period	Pop To Date	Meals Period	Meals To Date	Snacks Period	Snacks To Date	Cases Period	Cases To Date
AK										40
AL	5	51	252	5,421	3,965	522,671	5,702	230,521	478	27,604
AR	8	11	518	1,478	100	52,942			55	4,716
AZ	1	1	94	651		27,414			5	1,060
CA	1	2	69	151	2,871	51,005			453	6,574
CO	1	1	412	438		590			43	1,967
CT					3	2,207			19	408
DC	1	2	97	274	2,550	30,658			76	2,970
DE									13	160
NoFL	2	19	62	1,680	500	174,435		749,398	280	40,348
SoFL		55		4,289		673,150				2,397
GA	2	18	182	8,381	2,789	356,155			650	39,556
IA						195			3	559
IL	1	1	39	47		7,682			16	3,255
ID										43
IN		3		146		5,956			88	1,791
KS						15,232			7	557
KY		2		146		11,073			49	2,171

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LA	96	256	16,815	57,465	139,138	4,591,203	210,074	7,853,668	6,780	36,653
MA					8	383			13	925
MD						3,125			7	817
ME						65			5	135
MI		1		320		4,786				1,752
MN									5	575
MO	1	5	18	288	190	21,094			87	4,102
MS	41	302	2,289	55,410	178,954	4,844,394	5,920	770,253	15,497	99,948
MT										59
NC		2		1,041	411	36,893			80	4,743
ND										41
NE		1		166		65				570
NH					60	5,477			7	86
NM		1		86		3,136				467
NV						319			46	1,161
NJ					21	888			21	888
NY					60	7,878			60	2,090
OH		5		30		9,388			13	2,490
OK	1	5	313	2,352	19,002	112,034			323	2,550
OR					396	11,959			17	437
PA					6	998			67	1,547
PR						420			4	83
RI										211
SC	1	2	80	274	1,831	51,581			47	3,028
SD									2	102
TN	8	19	432	2,852	1,737	85,685			1,098	15,387
TX	45	133	8,434	60,628		1,249,076				37,294
UT		1		571		32,078				315
VA						5,165			51	2,512
VT									4	81
WA					2,031	15,415			26	877
WI	2	2	198	930	1,344	10,949			20	1,140
WV	1	1	152	323	1,631	44,023			13	465
WY									2	53
Totals	218	902	30,456	205,838	359,598	13,079,842	221,696	9,603,840	26,530	359,760

^[1] Overnight stays include the number of people in shelters X number of nights they have stayed in the shelters.

^[2] Cases opened include those reported on Form 5266, Disaster Operations Control, through the Client Assistance System (CAS) and from Western Union.

^[3] Workers include spontaneous volunteers, chapter volunteers who have never volunteered in Disaster Services, DSHR members and paid chapter and NHQ staff.

^[4] As people enter the program through shelter closures, other people are departing because they are making the transition to longer-term housing.